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FOR AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND MINISTER GEORGE FROM
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

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1. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE US DRAFT FOR A
BERLIN DECLARATION WHICH IS BEING COORDINATED AT THE
POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL. TO ASSIST IN THE DISCUSSION I
WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS SENT TO ME IN LONDON BY
COB MONDAY, 4/18, WITH INFO TO DEPT. SLUGGED EUR ONLY.

BEGIN TEXT:

A. DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE, THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCENTRATED ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE SITUATION IN GERMANY AND BERLIN.

B. IT WAS NOTED THAT ON JUNE 3, 1977 FIVE YEARS WOULD HAVE PASSED SINCE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN. THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THIS AGREEMENT AND BY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT THE POLICIES PURSUED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAD RESULTED IN A MORE STABLE SITUATION IN BERLIN AND CENTRAL EUROPE THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE 1945. THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF EFFORTS TOWARDS EASING TENSIONS, ESPECIALLY IN BERLIN. THEY AGREED THAT MAINTENANCE OF THE SITUATION WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN BERLIN REMAINS ESSENTIAL FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

C. A REVIEW OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO SECURE COOPERATION OF ALL NATIONS WITH INTERESTS IN THE AREA IN ORDER TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF THE IMPROVED SITUATION WHICH HAS DEVELOPED. THE GOVERNMENTS OF
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FRANCE, THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, WHICH ARE SIGNATORIES OF THE QA, EXPRESSED RENEWED DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QA AS THE BASIS FOR SUCH COOPERATION.

D. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE THREE POWERS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT MAINTENANCE OF FOUR POWER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A WHOLE WAS AN ESSENTIAL BASIS FOR THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE THREE POWERS REJECTED FIRMLY ANY EFFORTS TO QUESTION CONTINUATION OF THESE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF BERLIN. THEY STRESSED THAT THE QUADRIPARTITE STATUS OF GREATER BERLIN COULD BE MODIFIED ONLY WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE FOUR POWERS. THEY NOTED FURTHER THAT EAST-WEST RELATIONS WOULD BE DAMAGED SERIOUSLY IF ANY OF THE FOUR POWERS FAILED TO RESPECT THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN IN THE QUADRIPARTITE DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 9, 1972.

E. THERE WAS AGREEMENT AMONG PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING THAT A FURTHER BASIS FOR REDUCTION OF TENSIONS IN BERLIN MUST BE RESPECT OF THE WISHES OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE WESTERN SECTORS, IN EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, TO MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP THEIR TIES WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. IN THIS REGARD, THE THREE POWERS TOOK SPECIAL NOTE OF EFFORTS BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO ENSURE THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ARE ABLE TO PROFIT FROM THE PRACTICAL BENEFITS OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, ON BOTH A BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL BASIS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

F. THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY DISCUSSED THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS FOR THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE WESTERN SECTORS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE
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ISOLATED SITUATION OF THE CITY. HE DESCRIBED EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE SENAT OF BERLIN TO ENSURE THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS REMAIN AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO INVEST AND TO WORK. THE THREE POWERS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE EMPHASIS PLACED BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ON THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE SITUATION IN BERLIN. THEY PLEDGED THEIR COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING A POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION CONDUCIVE TO THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF THE WESTERN SECTORS. THEY ALSO AGREED TO STUDY OTHER WAYS IN WHICH THE THREE POWERS COULD ASSIST IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN SECTORS.

G. THE DISCUSSION CONCLUDED WITH REAFFIRMATION BY THE THREE POWERS AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE OCCUPIED BY BERLIN IN THEIR POLICIES IN EUROPE. THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE SUCCESS OF THEIR COOPERATION IN BERLIN DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT ON THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION ON BERLIN MATTERS IN THE FUTURE.

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